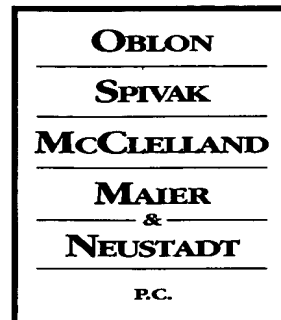




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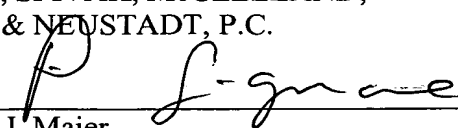
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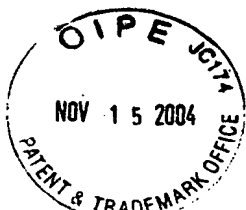
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In response to the restriction requirement of October 14, 2004, Applicants
provisionally elect Species 1, drawn to Figs. 1-7, and list claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10, 13-16 and 26 as
readable thereon.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for a full
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